

Gov. Van Sant on Merger Question

Makes it Burden of Message to Minnesota Legislature—If Corporations of One State Can Violate Laws of Another, Then Benefits of a "More Perfect Union" Will Not Be Realized.

St. Paul, Jan. 7.—In the presence of both houses of the legislature Samuel Van Sant was today sworn in by Chief Justice Stuart for his second term as governor of Minnesota. He then delivered his biennial message to the joint assembly. The message deals exhaustively with the controversy waging between the state of Minnesota and the Northern Securities company, to prevent the alleged merger of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railway companies. After reviewing the progress that has been made in the state's suit against the company the governor says:

"The executive officers of the state are aware and are continuing to do all in their power to defeat through legal means the dissolution of the company. It may be that one state can be evaded by the use of the laws of another state; if so all the benefits of a more perfect union of the Constitution and the laws of the United States will not be realized. I have an abiding faith, however, that the laws of the state will be sustained and that the attempt to evade them in the manner attempted will be defeated."

"The law of this state prohibiting the consideration of competing railway lines and any effort to weaken or undermine it should be defeated and every effort put forth to enforce and strengthen its provisions."

"The Northern Securities company is the most ingenious enemy ever brought into existence to promote the transportation monopoly and stifle competition."

THE WINTRY WINDDOOTH BLOW

Omaha, Jan. 7.—Probably half a hundred buildings were more or less damaged by the gale which struck Omaha last night. The wind did not abate this morning, but continued to blow at a furious velocity. Wires are straining in all directions and the city is in darkness the latter part of the night because of the damage to electric circuits. There has been no rain and the temperature is barely below the freezing point.

Telephone and telegraph companies report wires down throughout Nebraska from the northwest causing serious interruption to communication.

IN WISCONSIN.

La Crosse, Wis., Jan. 7.—A severe blizzard has been raging here all night and still continues. Railroads are considerably hampered by the storm.

Bloomington, Ill., Jan. 7.—An old-time blizzard is raging in central Illinois with the heaviest snowfall of the winter. Railroads are reporting delayed traffic owing to heavy drifts. The mercury is falling rapidly.

BLOWS FORTY MILES AN HOUR.

Des Moines, Jan. 7.—With the wind blowing at the rate of 40 miles an hour

PAUL WOODWARD HANGED.

He Murdered Two Little Boys With Arsenic.

Camden, N. J., Jan. 7.—Paul Woodward, aged 37, was hanged in the Camden jail today. The drop fell at 1:05 and Woodward was pronounced dead 10 minutes later. Woodward was apparently the most unrepentant person in the party at the hanging, and showed remarkable nerve.

The crime for which Woodward paid the death penalty was the murder of two little boys, John Coffin, aged 11 years, and Price Jennings, aged 14. The boys disappeared from their homes on Oct. 4, and their bodies were found in a wood near Haddon Heights, six miles from here on Oct. 4. Previous to the discovery of the bodies Woodward had gone to the home of young Coffin and had been seen by the boy's father, who had been told by Woodward that he was a doctor. This confession upon him and Woodward was subsequently arrested. An analysis of the boys' stomachs showed that they died from arsenical poisoning. The police officials learned that Woodward had bought arsenic a few days prior to the boys' disappearance. He was charged with murder in the first degree, and sentenced by Judge Carroll to hang before the gallows. An appeal was made to the pardoning board on the ground of insanity, but the board refused to take action. Counsel for the prosecution claimed that Woodward had poisoned the boys for the purpose of robbery. When they found the bodies were found their pockets did not contain a penny.

C & A Chicago Limited Detailed.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 7.—The Chicago & Alton Chicago Limited, which was detailed at 6:10 last evening, engine and baggage car, and the train car left the track, and the train was delayed four hours. The accident was caused by a broken switch. A number of persons were severely shaken up, but no one was injured except the engineer, who sustained slight bruising, and a negro tramp, whose leg was broken.

CROWN PRINCE'S DIVORCE.

After Getting Civil Divorce Will Ask Pope for One.

Rome, Jan. 7.—The papal nuncio at Munich, Bavaria, has notified the Vatican authorities that after the Crown Prince of Saxony has obtained a verdict in the civil court, he will ask the pope to annul his marriage. Then the nuncio will be conducted through the nunciature at Munich, as there is no papal representative in Saxony.

A Suicide Explains His Motive.

New York, Jan. 7.—William Volcott, 27 years old, an optician, formerly of

Curzon Reviews Chiefs' Retainers

Variety of Costume and Paraphernalia Made Procession One of Most Striking Pictures of the Durbar Festivities—Contingent Present From Every Part of India—Famous Gold and Silver Guns of Baroda Seen.

Delhi, Jan. 7.—The viceroy, Lord Curzon and Lady Curzon and the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York reviewed the retainers of the ruling chiefs in the durbar arena. The variety of costume and paraphernalia afforded one of the most striking pictures of the durbar festivities. Contingents from all parts of Greater India participated, mostly retaining the distinctive features of their costumes. The flags and other emblems of the state of Cutch were carried on camels and elephants, accompanied by armed men on stilts, while Arab irregulars danced past the viceroys to the music of their own instruments. The famous gold and silver guns of the state of Baroda attracted much attention. The ancient Maharratta flags, descended from the Mogul emperors, were borne past on an elephant carriage. The martial Rajputs were clad in mail armor.

Searchlight for Fire Department

Chicago, Jan. 7.—A successful test was made last night by City Electric Light Co. of a searchlight for the fire department. The light was mounted on the stern of the fireboat Illinois and a trip was made down the south branch of the river to Twelfth street during which the powerful light was thrown on the warehouses on each side of the river. The object of the test was to demonstrate the value of searchlights for lighting obscure alleys and courts and the interiors of buildings, in case of large fires.

Pacific Cable Must Pay Duty.

San Francisco, Jan. 7.—In accordance with a ruling by the treasury department the Commercial Cable company will be called upon to pay duty on the shore ends of the Pacific cable at the mid-way islands. It is expected that the collector of customs at Honolulu will be directed to collect the duty.

GERMAN MARINES LAID.

Fact is Proven by Photographs Taken While They Were Ashore.

Puerto Cabello, Jan. 6.—The assertion that German marines on Jan. 3 landed at this port and occupied the wharves for two hours and a half is proved by photographs which were taken of the marines while they were on shore.

Acting United States Consul Wolcott, who has acted as intermediary between the German naval officers and the Venezuelan authorities at Puerto Cabello, has informed him as follows:

"The artillery which was in the fort called La Vigia, commanded by the German commander, has been removed; it must be replaced immediately in said fort."

"The authorities of this port do not know how to interpret the action of the German commander in removing the artillery in the fort; they consider this removal of the artillery as proof that they have no intention of firing on the bay or the allies."

Count Oriola's communication to Consul Wolcott was made last Thursday.

BELGIANS ON THE CONGO.

Rights of Property Will Be Held Inviolable There as Elsewhere.

New York, Jan. 7.—An interesting conversation on the subject of the Congo region was held Tuesday with King Leopold at the banquet given after the mission's reception to the English Baptist mission, says a dispatch from London, to the Times. His majesty was asked to comment on the questions of policy which had been the cause of unfavorable comment in a section of the press.

The king assured the correspondent that he rights of property on the Congo will hold as inviolable as elsewhere, where he declared that he would not permit the Belgians to enjoy the fruits of their enterprises, and should be protected from raiders, like other private subjects.

It is unworthy of the traditions of honest criticism, the king held, to imply that the Belgian administration gives countenance to the acts of cruelty perpetrated by its agents. He was confident that the evolution which is slowly but surely working itself out in Central Africa.

Prominent Kentuckian Suicides.

Danville, Ky., Jan. 7.—A. C. Bales, a prominent citizen, leading merchant and one of the best known men in this section, committed suicide at his home some miles south of here, by cutting his throat with a razor.

"Ancient Sally" of Gridley, Dead.

Gridley, Cal., Jan. 7.—An old Indian woman known as the "Sally" died at Gridley, in the mountains, a few days ago. She was 130 years old. Though unable to stand upright she crawled about her home and cooked her own meals. She was totally blind.

Etta Butler, Actress, Dying.

New York, Jan. 7.—It is reported that Etta Butler, the actress, is dying in a New York hospital, to which she was removed about a month ago. Miss Butler's parents, who reside in California, have been notified of her condition. The nature of her illness could not be ascertained.

SHE WANTED A HUSBAND.

Laura Stackhouse Arrested for Using Mails Fraudulently.

Marietta, O., Jan. 7.—Mrs. Laura Stackhouse, alias Laura Miller, alias Marion, was arrested today for using the mails for fraudulent purposes in advertising that she was seeking a husband and extorting money from applicants. She had confessed to Government officials that her business has been extensive throughout the United States, and thousands of dollars have been gathered in this way.

PROTESTS TO TURKEY.

Austria and Italy Will Follow Great Britain's Example.

Constantinople, Jan. 7.—Great Britain's protest against the permission granted in September last to four armed Russian torpedo boat destroyers to pass through the Dardanelles into the Black sea, under the commercial flag of Russia, will be followed by Austria-Hungary and Italy, while Germany and France will remain aloof. Germany's position is in consonance with her traditional policy not to embarrass the port while France naturally abstains from acting against the interests of her ally, Russia.

THE COLORADO LEGISLATURE.

Meets in Fourteenth General Assembly—Only 17 of 34 Republicans Attended Caucus—Deal Between Anti-Wolcott Men and Democrats to Prevent Wolcott's Election.

Denver, Colo., Jan. 7.—The fourteenth general assembly of the state of Colorado, which is to elect a successor to U. S. Senator Henry M. Teller, met at noon today. The Republicans have a majority of 17 in the house, but only 17 of the 34 Republican members attended the caucus this forenoon, those opposed to Edward C. Wolcott for senator refusing to join in a caucus. It is understood that a deal has been made between the anti-Wolcott Republicans and the Democrats which will prevent the election of Wolcott. The Democrats have a majority of 13 in the senate.

CASE OF NAVAJO INDIANS.

Sheriff of San Juan County Writes Senator Rawlins About Them.

They Are In Desperate Circumstances And Suffering, Official Reports to The Country Notwithstanding.

(Special to the "News.")

Washington, D. C., Jan. 7.—Senator Rawlins has received from C. L. Christensen, the sheriff of San Juan county, a communication relating to the destitute and suffering condition of the Navajo Indians, in which he states that, in spite of the report of the commissioner of Indian affairs to the contrary, the Indians are still in great need, asking him to see that a committee is appointed to make a thorough investigation of their condition and provide for their relief. Bishop Nielsen of Bluff has given to the Indians over 1,000 pounds of flour, groceries, beef, etc., there being over 150 Indians who received aid from him, but there is still considerable suffering among these Indians. Senator Rawlins will at once make an active effort to have something done to alleviate their condition.

Montana Legislature Convenes.

Helena, Mont., Jan. 7.—Gov. Toole's message was read before the senate and house in joint session. It contains a recommendation for the passage of a bill providing for initiative and referendum. Much more attention is paid to that subject by the governor than any other in his message.

Second Bill Introduced in House was Submitted by Stapleton of Silver Bow, Providing for Amendment to the Constitution with a View to Enlarging the Power of the Legislature.

First bill provides for reduction in number of judges in district having population of 30,000 when there is more than one judge. It is aimed at Lewis and Clark county, in which Helena is located.

Rancho La Puente to be Sold.

Los Angeles, Jan. 7.—According to an agreement which has been placed on record, E. J. "Lucky" Baldwin has contracted with Col. Albert De Leur of this city for the sale of land within Rancho La Puente for \$1,200,000. The agreement would be a signal for a vigorous denunciation of the British foreign office for persevering in an alliance which has been dislabeled from the outset even with evidence of a lack of excitement in America.

Strike Commission Hearings.

Philadelphia, Jan. 7.—The strike commission began its work promptly at 10 o'clock today. The attorneys for the non-union miners who have been called to the commission are the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre companies, was the first witness. He testified that strikers blew up a mine near the Ashley colliery with dynamite.

Helena Water Co. Sues.

Helena, Mont., Jan. 7.—Helena water works company brought an action in the district court today as taxpayer to recover against the mayor, city treasurer, city clerk and majority of aldermen \$30,000 paid by the city for Beaver Creek water. Court is asked to render judgment in favor of the city. Suit is brought on the grounds that the city having exceeded its limit of indebtedness its officers are liable for money expended since the limit was exceeded. It is the first case of the kind brought in the state.

Horticulture in State of Utah.

Report of State Board Shows Remarkable Progress in This Direction—Results During the Past Six Years Have Been Most Gratifying—Planting of Orchards Placed on a Commercial Basis—Fruit Exhibits.

Value of the trees. An orchard of young peach trees was sprayed with a 25 per cent solution of kerosene emulsion and completely freed from the scale. The work of spraying for the scale is still in progress in Weber county, about 500 of the appropriation being still unexpended.

THE CODLING MOTH.

The worst enemy known to Utah orchardists is the codling moth, which lays eggs that produce the apple worm. The board deems it necessary to impress upon the minds of fruit growers the importance of spraying every 25 days throughout the season against the blossoms fall. Because of the adulteration of Paris Green, the board recommends the use of white arsenic as a poison for the codling moth. Reports show that such instructions of the board in regard to spraying, have been followed, fully 85 per cent of the apples may be kept free from worms, some growers claiming 95 per cent of perfect apples.

PLENTY OF FRUIT TREES.

Up to 1896 an order for 50,000 fruit trees was not filled. Since that time the order of the state to fill it, while today there are probably 1,000, 000 fruit trees suitable for delivery in the various nurseries in Utah. This is one of the surest indications of the growth of fruit culture in the state. This immense stock is produced largely for home use, but nursery stock is shipped from Utah to all the surrounding states and to Oregon and California.

EXPERIMENT FARM.

The horticulture experiment farm conducted by the board, consists of 40 acres of irrigable land in Washington county, and its value in conducting experiments in fruit culture cannot be over estimated. As such experiments determine the suitability of the different varieties of fruit to the conditions of that section of Utah. This determination at public expense will save the individual grower the cost of costly experimentation by each individual. The entire appropriation of \$3,000 for the maintenance of the farm has been expended. The board anticipates that there should be \$15,000 appropriated for the years 1903 and 1904.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The board recommends that most careful thought be given to framing of such amendments to the present law as to give all legal sanction to the progressive methods of fruit raising in Utah, and that the law be amended to the north and east. It is also recommended that the salary of each member of the board be increased to \$100 per annum and that the secretary be paid \$500. It is deemed advisable that the amount for contingent and traveling expenses of each member of the board be increased to \$400.

SEAT OF WAR NOW AT OGDEN.

Warm Time Between Home and R. M. B. Telephone People.

EACH WANTS FRANCHISE.

Matter May be Settled by City Council at Next Monday Night's Meeting.

(Special to the "News.")

Ogden, Jan. 7.—There was a somewhat tropical time between representatives of the Home Telephone company and the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company in the city council chamber of this city last evening. A special meeting of the city council was called for the purpose of hearing the pleas of the two companies as to which should secure a much coveted franchise for 50 years. At this meeting the first named company was represented by Mr. Fen-ton and the latter by Mr. Murray, and besides these quite a large number of prominent business men were present. Each company had a petition before the council paying for a franchise to operate a telephone business in Ogden for a term of 50 years. Mr. Murray was given the floor first, and occupied about 45 minutes in explaining why his company should have the preference over the other. He showed the vast amount of work which had been done and money expended by his company since the first system in Ogden, and gave numerous reasons why his company should have exclusive telephone privileges in this city. Mr. Fen-ton then proceeded to answer the arguments of Mr. Murray in a somewhat pointed manner. He explained that his company was very desirous of securing the franchise asked for, and said if they were successful they would spend over a hundred thousand dollars in Ogden in putting in a plant which he claimed would give better service and be superior in every respect to the system and service the people were now getting. He said the new company would make greatly reduced rates. Messrs. George T. Odell and John Henry Smith, also representing the Home company, were given a hearing. These gentlemen explained the nature of their company and the kind of a service they intended to furnish if they were granted a franchise, asserting that their company was a bona fide, substantial concern, and had the financial backing to carry out every promise made to the

WELLS SENTENCED.

Frank Wells, the man who stole a bundle of clothing and some jewelry from the Railroad station about a month ago, was sentenced to the county jail today for six months and fined \$100. He was charged with stealing a pair of trousers and a shirt from the station.

MEANS ON TRIAL.

P. P. Means, the former employee of the Ogden Steam Laundry, who is charged with swindling the company, was on trial today in the district court. He was charged with stealing from the company a sum of money.

China Must Pay in Gold.

Berlin, Jan. 7.—At a meeting today all the foreign ministers except United States Minister Conger, signed a joint note informing the Chinese government that a failure to fulfill its obligations in regard to the payment of the indemnity on a gold basis, as provided for by the peace protocol, would result in grave consequences.

Fort Worden Barracks.

Fort Townsend, Wash., Jan. 7.—Bids for the construction of permanent barracks at Fort Worden have been opened, and it is probable that the contract will be awarded to Andrew Stegerwald of this city. The work will involve the expenditure of about \$100,000.